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Bridges in the Bay Area								
	Dumbarton Bridge	San Mateo-Hayward Bridge	New Bay Bridge East Span	New Carquinez Bridge				
Open Year	1984	1967	2007					
Cost	\$70 M	\$70 M	\$2,600 M (\$2.6 B)	\$220 M				
Structure	Steel box girder and pre-stressed concrete approach spans	Steel box girder and concrete trestle approach spans	A steel single-tower suspension span over the shipping channel and a pier- supported concrete "skyway"	Steel cantilever and suspension bridge with an orthotropic deck				
Length	8,600 ft	37,000 ft	11,500 ft	3,500 ft				
Number of Traffic Lanes Width (both	3 traffic lanes in each direction  85 ft (Data not found – assume	Trestle flat portion: 2 traffic lanes in each direction Highrise portion: 3 traffic lanes in each direction	5 traffic lanes plus emergency shoulders in each direction	3 mixed-flow westbound, 1 HOV lane and pedestrian/bicycle lane on west side of bridge 95 ft				
direction)	approximately the same width as that of San Mateo-Hayward Bridge)	85 ft (Highrise portion)	pedestrian/bicycle path on the southern side)					
Channel span	340 ft	750 ft	1,200 ft	2,400 ft				
Vertical Clearance	85 ft	135 ft	184 ft	148 ft				

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## Earthwork (Cut/Fill) Volumes and Costs14

Segment No./Name	Northern Alignment	Minimize Tunnel	Tunnel under Park	SR-152 Alignment	Revised Merced (Segment 13A	
Segment Length	72.68 km	71.46 km	71.35 km	33.81 km	50.834 km	
At-Grade Sect. Length	37.64 km	40.93 km	35.68 km	19.76 km	49.534 km	
Construction Cost <sup>15</sup>	\$2,316 M	\$2,365 M	\$2,452 M	\$1,286 M	\$265 M	
Method to calculate Cut/Fill Volume	Digital Terrain N	Digital Terrain Model (DTM)				
Cut Volume	45,568*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	66,869*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	39,659*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	45,302*103 m3	1,510*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	
Fill Volume	15,662*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	28,158*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	24,110*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	14,249*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	1,510*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	
Cut/Fill Volume Total	61,230*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	95,028*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	63,769*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	59,551*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	3,020*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	
Unit Price	\$7.59 /m <sup>3</sup>					
Cut/Fill Cost	\$464 M	\$721 M	\$484 M	\$452 M	\$23 M	
Cut/Fill Volume per Segment Length	842*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /km	1,330*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /km	894*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /km	1,761*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /km	59*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /km	
Cut/Fill Volume per At-Grade Sect. Length	1,627*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /km	2,322*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /km	1,787*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /km	3,014*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /km	61*10 <sup>3</sup> m <sup>3</sup> /km	
Cut/Fill Cost per Segment Length	\$6.4 M /km	\$10.1 M /km	\$6.8 M /km	\$13.4 M /km	\$0.45 M /km	
Cut/Fill Cost per At-Grade Sect. Length	\$12.3 M /km	\$17.6 M /km	\$13.6 M /km	\$22.9 M /km	\$0.46 M /km	
Cut/Fill % of Construction Cost	20%	30%	20%	35%	9%	





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Based on "Capital and Operations and Maintenance Costs, Appendix F", California High-Speed Rail Authority and U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Railroad Administration, January 2004 (<a href="https://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/eir/pdf/rgn\_stdies/state/Costs/Final\_Cost\_Rept\_App\_F.pdf">https://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/eir/pdf/rgn\_stdies/state/Costs/Final\_Cost\_Rept\_App\_F.pdf</a>)
<sup>15</sup> Excluding the costs of Environmental Mitigation, Right-of-Way, Program Implementation, and Contingencies.

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## Price Index for Selected Highway

PRICE INDEX FOR SELECTED CALIFORNIA CONSTRUCTION ITEMS 1987 - 100

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97	(2nd Quarter)	108.2		
97	(3rd Quarter)	144.8	125.4	
91	(4th Qualter)	155.1		
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98	(1st Quarter)	113.0	120.1	
98	(2nd Quarter)	131.6	130.4	
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98	(4th Quarter)	126 5		
	(Year)			12
99	(Year) (1st Quarter) (2nd Quarter)	129.4	133.5	
99	(2nd Quarter)	140.3	136.4	
99	(3rd Quarter)	174.5	136.6	
00	(1st Quarter) (2nd Quarter) (3rd Quarter) (4th Quarter)	115.2	130.0	
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	(Year)			13
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100	(1st Quarter) (2nd Quarter)	167.6	156.5	
00	(3rd Quarter)	132.3	144.7	
100	(4th Quarter)	152.0		
	(Year)			149
01	(1st Quarter)	140.1	137.0	
	(2nd Quarter)	141.6	134.8	
		167.5	141.6	
01	(3rd Quarter)(4th Quarter)	183.3		
	(Year)			15
				15
102	(1st Quarter)		157.5	
JU2	(Znd Quarter)	129.5	146.4	
102	(2nd Quarter)	175.5	149.7	
02	(4th Quarter)	153.7		
	(Year)			14
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	(3rd Quarter)	190.7	158.3	
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## Proposed HSR Along the Henry W. Coe Park





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## APPENDIX 5

#### Table of Species

	Table of S				
Scientific Name	Common Name	Fed	Cal	Number of	
		Rank	Rank	Occurrences	
Gambelia sila	blunt-nosed leopard	FE	CE	1	
	lizard				
Vireo bellii pusillus	least Bell's vireo	FE	CE	1	
Castilleja affinis ssp.	Tiburon Indian	FE	CT	2	
Neglecta	paintbrush				
Vulpes macrotis mutica	San Joaquin kit fox	FE	CT	6	
Ceanothus ferrisiae	Coyote ceanothus	FE	None	4	
Dudleya setchellii	Santa Clara Valley	FE	None	11	
	dudleya				
Streptanthus albidus ssp.	Metcalf Canyon jewel-	FE	None	7	
albidus	flower				
Trifolium amoenum	showy indian clover	FE	None	1	
Desmocerus californicus	valley elderberry	FT	None	1	
dimorphus	longhorn beetle				
Euphydryas editha	Bay checkerspot butterfly	FT	None	7	
bayensis	· ·		ĺ		
Oncorhynchus mykiss	steelhead - south/central	FT	None	1	
irideus	California coast esu				
Rana aurora draytonii	California red-legged	FT	None	64	
	frog				
Ambystoma californiense	California tiger	Prop.	None	63	
	salamander	Threat.			
Eryngium racemosum	Delta button-celery	FSC	CE	1	
Buteo swainsoni	Swainson's hawk	FSC	CT	13	
Riparia riparia	bank swallow	FSC	CT	1	
Sanicula saxatilis	rock sanicle	FSC	Rare	5	
Adela oplerella	Opler's longhorn moth	FSC	None	5	
Agelaius tricolor	tricolored blackbird	FSC	None	22	
Allium sharsmithiae	Sharsmith's onion	FSC	None	4	
Astragalus tener var.	alkali milk-vetch	FSC	None	1	
tener					
Athene cunicularia	burrowing owl	FSC	None	20	
Atriplex cordulata	heartscale	FSC	None	1	
Atriplex depressa	brittlescale	FSC	None	1	
Atriplex joaquiniana	San Joaquin saltbush	FSC	None	2	
Atriplex persistens	vernal pool smallscale	FSC	None	1	
Balsamorhiza macrolepis	big-scale balsamroot	FSC	None	1	
var. macrolepis			1		
Blepharizonia plumosa	big tarplant	FSC	None	1	
ssp. plumosa					
Calicina (=sitalcina)	Edgewood blind	FSC	None	1	
minor	harvestman	1			
Campanula sharsmithiae	Sharsmith's harebell	FSC	None	6	
Castilleja rubicundula	pink creamsacs	FSC	None	1	
ssp. rubicundula	1				
Cirsium fontinale var.	Mt. Hamilton thistle	FSC	None	31	
campylon					
Coreopsis hamiltonii	Mt. Hamilton coreopsis	FSC	None	17	

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Fed Rank	Cal Rank	Number of Occurrences	
Delphinium californicum	Hospital Canyon larkspur	FSC	None	4	
ssp. interius	ттоэрлаг Сануон тагк хриг	130	INOHE	"	
Emys (=Clemmys)	northwestern pond turtle	FSC	None	1	
marmorata marmorata		1.50	THORE	1.	
Emys (=Clemmys)	southwestern pond turtle	FSC	None	1	
marmorata pallida					
Eriastrum brandegeeae	Brandegee's eriastrum	FSC	None	1	
Eschscholzia	diamond-petaled	FSC	None	1	
rhombipetala	California poppy		1		
Fritillaria falcata	talus fritillary	FSC	None	10	
Fritillaria liliacea	fragrant fritillary	FSC	None	4	
Hesperolinon sp. nov. "serpentinum"	Napa western flax	FSC	None	4	
Hoita strobilina	Loma Prieta hoita	FSC	None	2	
Legenere limosa	legenere	FSC	None	1	
Lessingia micradenia var.	smooth lessingia	FSC	None	9	
glabrata			110110	1	
Lomatium observatorium	Mt. Hamilton lomatium	FSC	None	4	
Lotus rubriflorus	red-flowered lotus	FSC	None	2	
Malacothamnus hallii	Hall's bush mallow	FSC	None	8	
Masticophis flagellum	San Joaquin whipsnake	FSC	None	3	
ruddocki				1	
Meconella oregana	Oregon meconella	FSC	None	1	
Myotis yumanensis	Yuma myotis	FSC	None	1	
Perognathus inornatus	San Joaquin pocket	FSC	None	4	
inornatus	mouse				
Phacelia phacelioides	Mt. Diablo phacelia	FSC	None	9	
Phrynosoma coronatum	Coast (California) horned	FSC	None	2	
(frontale)	lizard		-		
Plagiobothrys glaber	hairless popcorn-flower	FSC	None	1	
Plagiobothrys uncinatus	hooked popcorn-flower	FSC	None	1	
Rana boylii	foothill yellow-legged	FSC	None	13	
C ( C	frog	FGG		+,	
Spea (=Scaphiopus) hammondii	western spadefoot	FSC	None	4	
Streptanthus albidus ssp.	most beautiful jewel-	FSC	None	10	
peramoenus	flower	rsc	None	10	
Streptanthus callistus	Mt. Hamilton jewel-	FSC	None	4	
этерминиз саныйз	flower	1.30	None	"	
Streptanthus insignis ssp.	Arburua Ranch jewel-	FSC	None	7	
lyonii	flower	. 30	Ivolic	1'	
Trifolium depauperatum	saline clover	FSC	None	1	
var. hydrophilum	1	1	1		
Eriastrum tracyi	Tracy's eriastrum	None	Rare	1	
Ardea herodias	great blue heron	None	None	1	
Emys (=Clemmys)	western pond turtle	None	None	23	
marmorata					
Eremophila alpestris	California horned lark	None	None	5	
actia					
Erodium macrophyllum	round-leaved filaree	None	None	2	
Eucerceris ruficeps	redheaded sphecid wasp	None	None	1	



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Scientific Name	Common Name	Fed	Cal	Number of	
		Rank	Rank	Occurrences	
Falco mexicanus	prairie falcon	None	None	14	
Great Valley Cottonwood	Great Valley Cottonwood	None	None	1	
Riparian Forest	Riparian Forest				
Lavinia symmetricus ssp.	San Joaquin roach	None	None	1	
1	-				
Navarretia nigelliformis	shining navarretia	None	None	2	
ssp. radians			ŀ		
North Central Coast	North Central Coast	None	None	1	
Drainage Sacramento	Drainage Sacramento				
Sucker/Roach River	Sucker/Roach River				
Pogonichthys	Sacramento splittail	None	None	1	
macrolepidotus					
Serpentine Bunchgrass	Serpentine Bunchgrass	None	None	3	
Sycamore Alluvial	Sycamore Alluvial	None	None	5	
Woodland	Woodland				
	Franciscan wallflower	FC			
	Serpentine linanthus				
	Large-flowered linanthus				
	Halls bush mallowi				
	Most beautiful	FC			
	jewelflower				
Acanthomintha	Santa Clara thornmint	None	None		
lanceolata		İ			
Androsace elongata ssp.	California androsace	None	None		
acuta					
Campanula exigua	chaparral harebell	None	None		
Ceanothus ferrisae	Coyote ceanothus	FE	None		
Clarkia breweri	Brewer's Clarkia	None	None		
Clarkia concinna ssp.	Santa Clara red ribbons	None	None		
automixa					
Eriastrum brandegeae	Brandegee's Eriastrum	None	CSC		
Eriophyllum jepsonii	Jepson's woolly	None	None		
	sunflower				
Erysimum franciscanum	San Francisco wallflower		CSC		
Lessingia temuis					
Linanthus ambiguus					
Linanthus grandiflorus					
Plagiobothrys					
myosotoides		L		1	
Psilocarphus brevissimus					
var. multiflorus	tanad				

- FT: Federally Listed Threatened
- FC: Federal candidate species
- FE: Federally Listed Endangered
- FSC: Federal Species of Concern (Former category 2 candidates)
- CSC: California Species of Special Concern
- MNBMC: Migratory Nongame Birds of Management Concern (designated by USFWS)
- CE: California Listed Endangered
- lizardCT: California listed Threatened

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#### APPENDIX 6

## Letter of the CNPS, dated February 27, 2004

# THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROPOSAL- a Santa Clara Valley CNPS perspective

The Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DRAFT EIR/S/EIS) for the California High-Speed Train (HSR) was released a little over a week ago. Comments are due by May 13, 2004.

The California High Speed Rail Authority is the lead agency under CEQA, and the Federal Rail Authority is the relevant agency under NEPA. The DRAFT EIR/S/EIS is a "program level" or first tier document, and is lacking in many details that would permit a thorough analysis of environmental impacts. Nevertheless, this is a very major project with an enormous head of steam behind it and it is extremely important that the environmental concerns of CNPS be thoroughly documented in this review process.

WHAT: This is a proposal to build, with public money, a high-speed intercity rail system linking the San Francisco Bay and the Central Valley with Los Angeles and San Diego. Seven hundred miles of new, grade-separated track would be laid, apparently single-track to begin with. The line would be electrified except between Los Angeles and San Diego. The proposal says trains would travel in excess of 200 mph, a projected 86 weekday trains in each direction carrying 68 million passengers by 2020. The proposal estimates cost at \$33 to \$37 billion in 2003 dollars. Subsequently, proponents have conceded that it will be at least \$37 billion. (Bizjak 1/27/2004)

SANTA CLARA VALLEY ROUTES: The system proposes two possible routes from the San Francisco Bay Area to the Central Valley, with some alternatives within these routes. One route would go south from San Jose to Gilroy and follow State route 152, Pacheco Pass, with a series of tunnels. To the north of Gilroy are two alternatives, collectively referred to as the Northern Routes. The starting point for these is Metcalf Canyon, which begins just east of US 101 between San Jose and Morgan Hill in Santa Clara County. A series of tunnels are proposed starting about halfway up the canyon. One alternative then swings north crossing both Isabel Valley and San Antonio Valley above ground. Another alternative swings south, passing through part of Henry Coe State Park, partly in tunnels, partly at the surface. A route to the Central Valley over Altamont Pass, that would only go to San Jose in Santa Clara County, was dropped from consideration. (Alignment Option Man)

ROUTE IMPACTS ON SENSITIVE SPECIES: Both Northern Routes would have severe negative environmental impacts. Metcalf Canyon is in the middle of Coyote Ridge, an area that the chapter and a coalition of environmental groups have been working for years to preserve. It is home to 10 special animals. It is the only remaining viable habitat for the Bay checkerspot butterfly, federally listed as threatened. It is also habitat for the California red-legged frog and California tiger salamander. There are 14



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PUBLIC OPINION: The Sierra Club supports the high-speed rail concept. A brochure they are distributing says "the best ride for the environment". They oppose the Northern Route. "No trains through the Diablo Range!" says their brochure. The Loma Prieta Chapter of the Sierra Club has been very helpful and receptive to the concerns of the Santa Clara Valley CNPS chapter. The Sierra Club criticizes the DRAFT EIR/S/EIS for dropping the Altamont Pass Route. Richard Tolmach, President of the California Rail Foundation, also criticizes the failure to consider the Altamont Pass route and on a number of other points in an editorial in the *Sacramento Bee* (1/25/2004). There is both editorial support and criticism around the state. (see References)

CNPS ACTION: The Santa Clara Valley Chapter of CNPS opposes the Northern Routes through the Diablo Range. We request the support of state CNPS and other local chapters is opposing this route. We intend to provide timely documentation of impacts of these routings to special status plants in response to this DRAFT EIR/S/EIS. We will not recommend or evaluate other routes, because this is beyond our scope and competence. The analysis of impacts to special status species in the DRAFT EIR/S/EIS was extremely superficial; a number of important species were simply left out. We infer that habitat protection may not be given much weight in route choice. We recognize the importance of public opinion in influencing outcomes. We urge state CNPS, local chapters, and other environmental organizations to join us in an education campaign to oppose the Northern Routes and raise awareness of the need for habitat protection. (Sources: where not otherwise cited, DRAFT EIR/S/EIS)

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Table 1. Special Status Plants, Selected Locations. Diablo Range, Santa Clara County

Botanical Name	CNPS list	State Status	Fed Status	Coyote Ridge	Coe Park	San Antonio Valley
Acanthomintha lanceolata	4				Х	X
Androsace elongata ssp. acuta	4					X
Balsamorhiza macrolepis var.	1B			X		
macrolepis						
Campanula exigua	1B				X	X
Castilleja affinis ssp. neglecta	1B	CT	FE	X		
Ceanothus ferrisae	1B		FE	X		
Cirsium fontinale var. campylon	1B		Soc	X		X
Clarkia breweri	4				X	X
Clarkia concinna ssp. automixa	4		Soc		X	
Coreopsis hamiltonii	1B		Soc			X
Dudleya setchellii	1B		FE	X	X	
Eriastrum brandegeae	1B		Soc			X
Eriophyllum jepsonii	4				X	
Erysimum franciscanum	4		Soc	X		
Fritillaria liliacea	1B		Soc	X		
Hoita strobilina	1B			X		
Lessingia micradenia var. glabrata	1B			X	X	
Lessingia tenuis	4*				X	X
Linanthus ambiguus	4			X	X	X
Linanthus grandiflorus	4			X	X	
Malacothamnus hallii	1B			X	X	
Phacelia phacelioides	1B				X	X
Plagiobothrys myosotoides	4					X
Psilocarphus brevissimus var. multiflorus	4				Х	
Sanicula saxatilis	18	CR			Х	



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California Department of Fish & Game, California Natural Diversity Database, (CNDDB) Government Version, 11/3/2003, and records, Rare Plant Porgram, California Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Valley chapter

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#### PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 5093.30-5093.40

5093.30. This chapter shall be known and may be cited as The California Wilderness Act.

5093.31. In order to assure that an increasing population, accompanied by expanding settlement and growing mechanization, does not occupy and modify all areas on state-owned lands within California, leaving no areas designated for preservation and protection in their natural condition, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the State of California to secure for present and future generations the benefits of an enduring resource of wilderness.

5093.32. As used in this chapter:

- (a) "Roadless area" means a reasonably compact area of undeveloped land which possesses the general characteristics of a wilderness, as described in subdivision (c) of Section 5093.33, and within which there is no improved road that is suitable for public travel by motorized vehicles intended primarily for highway use.
  (b) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Resources Agency.
  (c) "System" means the California wilderness preservation system.

(d) "Wilderness areas" means component areas of the system as described in Section 5093.33.

5093.33. (a) There is hereby established a California wilderness preservation system to be composed of state-owned areas designated by the Legislature as "wilderness areas" and units of the state park system classified as "state wildernesses" by the State Park and Recreation Commission pursuant to Article 1.7 (commencing with Section 5019.50) of Chapter 1, and these shall be administered for the use and enjoyment of the people in such manner as will leave them unimpaired for future use and enjoyment as wilderness, provide for the protection of such areas, preserve their wilderness character, and provide for the gathering and dissemination of information regarding their use and enjoyment as wilderness. No state-owned areas shall be designated as "wilderness areas" except as provided for in this chapter or by subsequent legislative enactment.

(b) Not with standing the inclusion of an area within the system, a wilderness area shall continue to be subject to the jurisdiction of the state agency or agencies having jurisdiction thereover immediately prior to its inclusion in the system. The secretary shall adopt guidelines for the management of wilderness areas. Each state agency or agencies having jurisdiction over a wilderness area shall adopt regulations for the management of such areas consistent with the guidelines adopted by the secretary and the objectives of this chapter.





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- (c) A wilderness area, in contrast to those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammeled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain. A wilderness area is further defined to mean an area of relatively undeveloped state-owned land which has retained its primeval character and influence or has been substantially restored to a near natural appearance, without permanent improvements or human habitation, other than semi-improved campgrounds and primitive latrines, and which is protected and managed so as to preserve its natural conditions and which:
- Appears generally to have been affected primarily by the forces of nature, with the imprint of man's work substantially unnoticeable.
- (2) Has outstanding opportunities for solitude or a primitive and unconfined type of recreation.
- (3) Has at least 5,000 acres of land, either by itself or in combination with contiguous areas possessing wilderness characteristics, or is of sufficient size as to make practicable its preservation and use in an unimpaired condition.
- (4) May also contain ecological, geological, or other features of scientific, educational, scenic, or historical value.
- 5093.34. (a) The following areas are hereby designated as components of the system:
- (1) Santa Rosa Mountains State Wilderness, consisting of that pertian of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park in San Diego County within the area encompassed by Townships 9 and 10 South and Ranges 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 East, San Bernardino Base and Meridian, except that the State Park and Recreation Commission shall establish the precise boundary.
- (2) Mount San Jacinto State Wilderness in Mount San Jacinto State Fark in Riverside County consisting of approximately 9,800 acres and including all of Sections 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31, Township 4 South, Range 3 East, and all of Section 6, Township 5 South, Range 3 East, except the SW 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SW 1/4, and SE 1/4 SE 1/4, San Bernardino Base and Meridian.
- (3) The land in the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park after the exchanges of land provided for in Section 6 of the act amending this section at the 1979 -80 Regular Session of the Legislature, effective upon approval of a general plan for the area by the State Park and Recreation Commission, as required by Section 5002.45.
- (b) The following state school lands, currently under the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission, shall become components of the system on January 1, 1977, unless exchanged with the federal government for other lands pursuant to existing law prior to that date:
- (1) Approximately 640 acres in Monterey County within the Ventana Wilderness, consisting of Section 16, Township 19 South, Range 2 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
- (2) Approximately 40 acres in Monterey County within the Ventana Wilderness, consisting of the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 36, Township 19 South, Range 3 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
  - (3) Approximately 80 acres in Monterey County within the Ventana

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- (4) Approximately 40 acres in Santa Barbara County within the San Rafael Wilderness, consisting of the SE 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 7 North, Range 27 West, San Bernardino Base and Meridian.
- (5) Approximately 80 acres in Siskiyou County within the Marble Mountain Wilderness, consisting of the E 1/2 and the NW 1/4 of Section 16, Township 41 North, Range 12 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.
- (6) Approximately 640 acres in Tehama County within the Yolla Bolla Middle Eel Wilderness, consisting of Section 36, Township 27 North, Range 10 West, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian.

Nothing herein shall preclude the State Lands Commission from effecting exchanges of any such land described in subdivision (b) with the federal government on or after January 1, 1977, for the purpose of including the exchanged land in the national wilderness preservation system. Upon completion of any such exchange, any such land described in subdivision (b) shall no longer be part of the system.

5093.35. (a) On or before January 1, 1978, the secretary, in cooperation with each department within the Resources Agency, shall review state-owned roadless areas under his jurisdiction as of January 1, 1975, including, but not limited to, lands within the state park system, state forests, and fish and game refuges, reserves, sanctuaries, and other areas designated for the protection of wildlife, but not including tide and submerged lands lying below the mean high tide line, and shall report to the Legislature his recommendations as to the suitability or nonsuitability of each such area for preservation as state wilderness.

- (b) On or before January 1, 1976, the State Lands Commission shall review state-owned roadless areas under its jurisdiction which have been identified as possessing significant environmental values pursuant to Section 6370.2, and shall report to the Legislature its recommendations as to the suitability or nonsuitability of each such area for preservation as wilderness.
- (c) Additional reviews and reports as to suitability or nonsuitability for preservation as wilderness shall be made by the secretary and the State Lands Commission for the following areas:
- (1) State-owned roadless areas under their respective jurisdictions and within or contiguous to federal wilderness areas designated by the Congress after January 1, 1975, within one year after such designation.
- $\left(2\right)$  State-owned roadless areas under their respective jurisdictions, which are acquired after January 1, 1975, within three years of such acquisition.
- (d) The secretary and the State Lands Commission, prior to submitting any recommendations with respect to the suitability of any area for preservation as a wilderness area, shall:
- (1) Give such public notice of the proposed action as deemed appropriate, including publication in one or more newspapers of general circulation in each county within which the affected area is located, and mailed to every person who has filed a request for notice of hearing. If the notice of hearing is published in a weekly newspaper, it must appear therein on at least two different days of publication.



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- (2) Hold a public hearing or hearings in the City of San Diego, Ctty of Los Angeles, City and County of San Francisco, or City of Sacramento, whichever is closest to the area affected, not less than 30 days, nor more than 60 days, after the last date of publication of the notice. The hearing shall be conducted in the manner specified in Section 11425 of the Government Code.
- (3) Advise, at least 30 days before the date of a hearing, the board of supervisors of each county in which the lands are located, and federal, state, and local agencies concerned, and invite such officials and agencies to submit their views on the proposed action at the hearing or within a specified period thereafter.
- (e) Any view submitted under the provisions of subdivision (d) with respect to any area shall be included with any recommendations to the Legislature with respect to such area.
- (f) Any modification or adjustment of boundaries of any wilderness area designated by the Legislature shall be recommended to the Legislature by the secretary or the State Lends Commission after public notice of such proposal and public hearing or hearings as provided in subdivision (d).
- (g) Nothing contained herein shall be construed to lessen the present statutory authority of any state agency with respect to the maintenance of roadless areas.
- (h) Privately owned areas within or contiguous to state-owned areas shall not preclude the review of the state-owned areas as provided in this section.
- 5093.36. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, each state agency with jurisdiction over any area designated as a wilderness area shall be responsible for preserving the wilderness character of the wilderness area and shall so administer such area for such other purposes for which it may have been established as also to preserve its wilderness areas shall be devoted to the public purposes of recreational, scenic, scientific, educational, conservation, and historical use.
- (b) Except as specifically provided in this chapter, and subject to private rights existing as of January 1, 1975, there shall be no commercial enterprise and no permanent road within any wilderness area and, except as necessary in emergencies involving the health and safety of persons within the wilderness area, there shall be no temporary road, no use of motor vehicles, motorized equipment, or motorboats, no landing or hovering of aircraft, no flying of aircraft lower than 2,000 feet above the ground, no other form of mechanical transport, and no structure or installation within any wilderness area.
- (c) The following special provisions are hereby made: (1) Within wilderness areas, such measures may be taken as may be necessary for the control of fire, insects, and diseases, subject to such conditions as the state agency or agencies having jurisdiction over such wilderness areas may deem desirable.

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  (2) Nothing in this chapter shall prevent any activity by any public agency within a wilderness area, including prospecting, for the purpose of gathering information about mineral or other resources, which the state agency or agencies having jurisdiction over such wilderness area have determined will be carried on in a manner compatible with the preservation of the wilderness environment.
- (3) The state agency or agencies having jurisdiction over wilderness areas may authorize the collection of hydrometeorological data and the conduct of weather modification activities, including both atmospheric and surface activities and environmental research, which are within, over, or may affect wilderness areas and for such purposes may permit access, installation, and use of equipment which is specifically justified and unobtrusively located. Maximum practical application of miniaturization, telemetry, and camouflage shall be employed in conducting weather modification activities. In granting permission for the conduct of data collection and weather modification activities, the appropriate state agency may prescribe such operating and monitoring conditions as it deems necessary to minimize or avoid long-term and intensive local impact on the wilderness character of the wilderness areas affected.
- (4) Within wilderness areas, the grazing of livestock, where established prior to January 1, 1975, may be permitted to be continued by the present lessee or permittee subject to limitation by such terms and regulations as are deemed necessary by the state agency or agencies having jurisdiction over such wilderness areas.
- (5) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to the aerial stocking of fish or to the conduct of aerial surveys of wildlife species.
- 5093.37. (a) In any case where privately owned land is completely surrounded by wilderness areas, the private owner may acquire from the state a reasonable means of ingress and egress across wilderness areas from highways and roads to such land and from such land to highways and roads.
- (b) Application from such a private owner for ingress and egress shall be made to the administering state agency. When application for ingress and egress is received, the administering state agency shall determine whether any reasonable access exists outside the boundaries of the wilderness area or could be economically constructed.
- (c) Where reasonable access does not exist or cannot be economically constructed outside the boundaries of the wilderness area, the administering state agency shall grant a permit for right-of-way across the wilderness area over such route, and subject to such conditions and construction and maintenance specifications, as the administering state agency may determine will cause minimum alteration to the physical features of the wilderness area and minimum interference with the use of the wilderness area by the public.
- (d) The permittee shall, at his own expense, construct and maintain the means of ingress and egress in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the permit, noncompliance with which in any part shall be due cause for revocation of the permit.
- (e) The administering state agency may require a permittee to allow the use of such means of ingress and egress by other applicants whose lands are similarly situated. The administering state agency shall grant a permit for such use under terms and conditions imposed upon

